

## **CITATION FOR JOAN CAMERON VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR 2014**

Joan Cameron has been a volunteer with Southern Frontenac Community Services since 2009. In that time, she has provided outstanding leadership and service in a variety of areas. Joan joined the Board of Directors in 2009 and quickly became the Board Chair and has been active in this role ever since. Joan was a catalyst in the relocation to the Grace Centre in the summer of 2011. She challenged the previously accepted notion that being a non-profit organization they should only rent: not risks property ownership and the responsibilities that came with it. She inspired co-workers to research the issue and change their direction. Upon acquiring the Grace Centre location, Joan physically cleaned every nook and cranny of the building' cleaning out cupboards, painting, working with contractors to complete tasks on schedule. She also coordinated getting the old bell from the church refinished in order to preserve the heritage of the building.

Joan was also integral to leading the creation of strategic plans and visions for SFCSC, resulting in significant program growth and service expansion. Joan's contribution to the strategic direction enabled the organization to expand their reach in the community from 525 seniors and 40 low income families to now reaching 816 seniors and 260 low income families. She has also been instrumental in the launch of the Food Bank and Hot Meals on Wheels programs and the expansion of the Adult Day Services to 5 days a week.

Joan's passion to support the community does not stop with Southern Frontenac Community Services. She has chaired a Local Health Integration Network, collaborate Southeast Governance Committee where board members from sister agencies came together to discuss matters. She is also involved in the local breast cancer survivor group.

Joan has been invaluable to the organization and the community. Her vision, leadership dedication and hard work is why she is deserving of this award.